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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 04-DEC-1997 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s) {see 37 CFR 1.111}:

The amendments made to the claims do not conform with 37 CFR 1.121, since the amendments contains both the addition of words into the claims which are not underlined and also omission of terms which are not presented in brackets (See specifically the amended claims: claim 1- lines 5 and 8; claim 2 - line 6; claim 3 - line 4; claim 4 - line 3; claim 5 - lines 3 and 6; and claim 6 - lines 2 and 5). As presently amended, the claims are unclear as to what is and is not claimed. Applicant should submit a new amendment which is in conformance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Correspondence

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